

The PRISM



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Upside Down Backwards People

Psalms played a significant role in the life of the Hebrews. Some called it the "Second Torah." It is no accident that the Psalter, like the Torah, is divided into five books. Songs are a powerful way to remember things. Many of us probably can quote more lines of music than we can lines of a book. Maybe this is why so many Old Testament quotations come from the Psalms.

One of the ways the book of Luke opens is with a record of the song of Mary and the song of Zechariah. Many have noted the similarity of Mary's song to Hannah's song in 1 Samuel 2. Not only do they bear similar themes, but they both give a preview to the material that will follow.

"Then Hannah prayed and said, 'My heart exalts in the Lord... The bows of the mighty are shattered, But the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full hire themselves out for bread, But those who were hungry cease to hunger. Even the barren gives birth to seven, But she who has many children languishes. ... He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the ash heap To make them sit with nobles, And inherit a seat of honor; ... He keeps the feet of His godly ones, But the wicked ones are silenced in darkness; ... (1 Sam 1:1-10)."

"And Mary said: 'My soul exalts the Lord... For He has had regard for the humble state of His bondservant; ... And His mercy is upon generation after generation Toward those who fear Him ... He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart. He has brought down rulers from their thrones, And has exalted those who were humble. He has filled the hungry with good things; And sent away the rich empty-handed (Luke 1:46-54)."

One of the themes in these songs is how God lifts up the humble and brings down the arrogant. There are many examples in both Samuel-Kings and Luke-Acts. We see this in Samuel and Eli (1 Sam 2-7), Saul and David (1 Sam 12-18), and in many of the Kings of Judah and Israel. We see an example of this in the Prodigal son (Lk 15:11-32), the Rich man and Lazarus (Lk 16:19-31), the Rich Young Ruler (Lk 18:18-27), the Thief on the Cross (Lk 23:40-43). We see it in Saul (Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-19), and Herod Agrippa (Acts 12:20-23).

Both Hannah and Mary "exalted" the Lord. They outlined his character in their songs. God is exalted and glorified when the godly poor and the humble are lifted up, and the arrogant are humbled. That is why Jesus stressed the need for humility and servanthood.

"The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called Benefactors. But it is not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant...(Lk 22:24-27)."

When we humbly serve, then God is honored and exalted. We need to be upside down and backwards compared to the world, which is right side up and forward in God's eyes. We must humble ourselves and lift up others. In so doing, we exalt God.

— John Telgren

Leavenworth Church of Christ
Leavenworth, KS



Prayer Requests

For those in the gulf area that are suffering through the effects of Katrina and Rita

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the lost in our families and community.

For the ban on partial birth abortion to stand as law.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For Tim and Jennifer in the adoption process

Praise Report: June Book has been told that she is cancer-free. PTL!

Shirley Carr (deaf friend of Julie Miller in Mississippi) has surgery for breast cancer May 24.

Fredia Gampp had back surgery Wednesday at Riverside. She is now recuperating in the hospital.

Sam Sievering (Sarah Gilliland's neighbor) has had a stroke or heart attack and is in SOMC.

Zane Sims had tests on Thursday to determine the cause of recent chronic pain.

Harmon Family (known to Stephanie Copas) was burned out this past week. Husband, wife and 7 children. Sizes for their clothing are posted on the bulletin board. Check to see if you have clothes that would fit.

Bible Curriculum

Sunday	Wednesday
5/28 1 Pet 1-5	5/31 1 Sam 2:12-3:21
6/4 2 Pet 1-3	6/7 1 Sam 4-7

Birthday Celebration Today

There will be a party to celebrate **Austin Coriell's 90th birthday** today in the church fellowship hall from 4-6 pm. No gifts please. All invited.

Teen Devo

Terry and Debbie's, Tuesday, 6:30 pm.

Junior Devo Hosts Needed

Please see the sheet on the bulletin board to sign up for hosting a Junior Devo. Many dates are open at this point.

Wedding Invitation

The church is invited to attend the wedding of Megan Decamp and Derek Marion on Saturday, June 17, at 5 pm here at the church building. The invitation is posted.

Father-Son Camp Out

On Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10, fathers and sons are invited to Ken Rase's farm for the annual Father-Son Camp Out. Sign up on the bulletin board if you are planning to come. See Dewey or Rich for details.

Honoring Military Service

This morning after our closing prayer there will be a special video presentation honoring those who have served in the military from Sunshine church. Please stay after the prayer to be a part of this brief tribute (6 minutes) to those who have served or are now serving our country in the military.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

5/28	Services at Elbrooke
5/28	Austin Coriell's 90 th Birthday
5/29	Open House for Jacob and Zach
6/3	Gampp 50 th Wedding Celebration
6/9-10	Father-Son Camp Out at Rase's Farm
6/17	Derek Marion & Meaghan DeCamp Wedding
6/19-24	Impact
6/24	VBS Decoration Day
6/26-30	VBS at Sunshine
7/16-22	Camp Time at Fort Hill



Compassion Deadline

Ira and Marybeth Coriell have five packets left for Compassion International. They have to send them back June 1. See them today or Wednesday if you are interested in sponsoring a child.

Elbrooke Services—Today

Services at 2 pm on Sunday's and at 7 pm on Thursdays. Volunteers needed.

Graduates Open House

Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day) there will be an open house from 4-6 pm at 1522 Allen Road, Minford (Miller's house) for **Zach Sims and Jacob Miller**. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy some food and fellowship in honor of these two graduates. Horseshoes, fishing, badminton. Map to the Miller's house is posted on the bulletin board.

Health Ministry Aerobics Class

The HMT is sponsoring aerobics at the church building starting in June. It is available for all women of any age and any level of conditioning. If interested, please sign the list on the board in the foyer. Likely session times will be Tuesday or Thursday evenings between 6 and 7 pm. Any questions, see Kristin Riley.

Sunday PM Services

Jon Coriell will be speaking for us today. Next Sunday evening we'll be looking at a presentation concerning the Da Vinci Code.

Women's Connection News

Mystery Night at the Boneyfiddle Tea Room was a huge success! The next official event for the Women's Connection comes on Saturday, June 24, **VBS Decoration Day**. We will begin the day with prayer asking the Lord to bless our VBS. After prayer time and lunch, "projects" will be available for those who do not already have a room to decorate. You do not need anything prepared to participate, but if you have ideas please let Kerri Davis or Kendra Cram know. Please sign up in the foyer and mark this day on your calendar!

VBS Sign Up Time

We are beginning today to sign up workers for VBS and students for VBS. The pads for the students are laid out on the table in the foyer. The worker sign up place is on the big chart on the wall. The theme for this year's VBS is **SUPER POWERS OF THE KINGDOM**. Flyers for VBS are laid out for you to use to invite students to VBS.

Spirit Club Home Stretch

There will be a "Big Splash Party" tomorrow from 12-2 here at the building. All 66 Club Members and Spirit Club members and parents are invited as well as anyone who wants to get started in the Spirit Club. Be prepared to get wet, eat pizza and be sure to bring your Spirit Club Handbook. There will be an "idea" table for those who need tools to make the Spirit Club work for their child. Bring your ideas and your kiddie pool and lawn chair. This will be just a taste of the Spirit Club Big Bash set for this fall. If you have not already signed up, please do so today so that the organizers can be ready for you and your children. See Kendra or Kristi for details.

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Bible Class Text
Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Lord's Supper - Server 6
Server 5
Server 4
Wine
Bread
Server 3
Server 2
Server 1
Message
Closing Prayer

May 28

1 Peter 1-5
Tom Kelley
Nick Davis
Dewey Cordle
Aaron Kallner
Gary Glispie
Greg Coriell
Barry Gamp
Rich Book
Jason Coriell
Dale Gamp
Barry Hayward
Jim Jacobs, Sr.
Jamie Riley
Gabe Coriell

June 4

2 Peter 1-3
Don Coriell
Ralph Gamp
Al Graff
Mike Coriell
John Gamp
Jack Jennings
Ed McLaughlin
Mark Risner
Aaron McCray
Ryan Coriell
Jerry Gamp
Chuck Allison
Steve Miller
Jamie Riley

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Zach Coriell
John Berry
Scott Gamp
Tim Gamp
Jeff Hayward
Bud Coriell
Mark Gamp
Terry Sullivan

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

May 31

Josh Coriell
Terry Sullivan
1 Samuel 2:12-3:21

May 24

Jon Coriell
David Gamp
1 Samuel 4-7

Scheduled Services

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:45 am
Worship - 10:30 am
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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8-12 M-F

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